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Forget them not, O Christ, who stand
Thy vanguard in the distant land.

In flood, in flame, in dark, in dread,
Sustain, we pray, each lifted head.

Exalt them over every fear,
In peril come Thyself more near.

Thine is the work they strive to do,
Their foes so many, they so few.

Be with Thine own, Thy loved, who stand,
Christ's vanguard, in the storm-swept land.

—*Margaret E. Sangster.*

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DEVOTIONAL AND EDITORIAL

Secret of Power

"Now Shalt Thou See What I Will Do."

MANY priceless secrets have been lost. As a result, the world is today impoverished. But the loss of the secret of power with God and men, has resulted more disastrously than any other. That it may be speedily recovered by the servants of Christ, in this time of grave crisis, should be the longing desire and earnest prayer of God's people. Its recovery will mean the revival of the church, the salvation of sinners, and the glory that is due to the worthy Name of the Lord Jesus.

D. L. Moody went up and down this and other lands, exemplifying and preaching this SECRET OF POWER. From the time of his own infilling with the Holy Spirit, his work for Christ became marvelously successful. He searched the Scriptures to know what were his privileges in Christ, and did not rest until the power of Christ rested upon him. At that time, the MEN OF THE BIBLE were his constant spiritual companions. A like study of their experiences will prove beneficial to every Christian worker.

Take Moses, for example: Moses was eighty years of age before he learned this SECRET OF POWER, the difference between his working *for* God and God working *through* him. Consequently, with all his superlative qualifications, his divine commission, his wisdom and devotion, Moses failed because he did not wholly rely upon the Lord. This is manifested in his impassioned prayer after his disappointing visit to Pharaoh:

> *"Since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all"* (EXODUS 5:23).

How much Moses depended upon himself appears when we hear the Lord's response to that prayer. The Lord said unto him:

> *"Now shalt thou see what I will do"* (Ex. 6:1).

The "I" of Moses and the "I" of God came into sharp contrast. The "I" of Moses was finite; the "I" of God was infinite. Moses never fully realized his own inability and God's ability until that hour. When his resources had failed, God was only at the beginning of His. From that day forward, it was no longer "I," but JEHOVAH.

What a difference there is between what God can do through us and what we can do for God! The things that are impossible with men, are possible with God. May our lives, like that of Moses, become blessed commentaries on the text, "NOW SHALT THOU SEE WHAT I WILL DO."

If you have failed, pastor, parent, Sunday School teacher, fellow-Christian worker, confesss it to the Lord. Recognize your failure, definitely trust God to take you and your work in hand, and then you shall have good success.

"The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him" (II Chron. 16:9).

When God can find men who will cease from their own fleshly exertions, and let Him have His way, He will do "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Eph. 3:20). "Since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, besides thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways" (Isaiah 64:4, 5).

Beloved, may the Lord find each of us like unto Moses, to whom He can say once more,

"NOW SHALT THOU SEE WHAT *I* WILL DO."

—Great Commission Prayer League.

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Full Assurance of Understanding

(*Colossians 2:2*)

By Pastor Herbert Hogg

HAVE ye understood all these things?" was the question asked the disciples by our Lord. They answered, "Yea, Lord." One fears, however, that they knew very little at that time. They were to know later, through the blessed ministry of the Holy Spirit.

To have a regenerated and sanctified understanding is a blessing. In the varying experiences of life, when "fightings within and fears without" come, we need the steadying values of the "full assurance of understanding." May the Holy Spirit open the eyes of our understanding so we may know (Eph. 1:18). Then we shall be "understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17).

The atoning Blood speaks and continues to speak; the living Word of God assures and continues to assure; the Holy Spirit enables and continues to enable; our Lord, risen with all power, intercedes and continues to intercede. The "full assurance of faith" lays hold of these in saving purpose; the "full assurance of understanding" provides for our keeping in subsequent Christian experience.

As we enter in and possess our riches in Christ, we find them gloriously sufficient. We may say, with the Irish lad, that while we may tremble on the Rock, the Rock never trembles. The enjoyment of this understanding will find us in peace, with "thronging duties pressed" and "our future all unknown." It will enable us to "stand" and "withstand" in evil days. The fear and fret will give way to "quietness and assurance forever" (Isa. 32:17). In this way, we shall have the poise, the testimony, and the life to give to a needy world. Be sure, dear child of God, that our Lord can say of you, that He has given you an understanding (I John 5:20).

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Concerning Miss Steyrer's Return

We are grateful for the prayerful interest being shown by our Chicago Council in the matter of returning Miss E. H. Steyrer to the field. The following word gives information regarding her and the need that exists on the field.

MISS STEYRER is an Austrian by birth, was a very strict Catholic, los tfaith when a young girl, and became a Free Thinker. Two years later, she found the Lord through a simple gospel message. After the War, she was engaged in mission work in Austria in connection with Pastor Monsky's work among Catholics, Free Thinkers, and Communists, for which she seemed specially prepared by God through her own personal experience.

There is a great movement toward God and the gospel going on in Austria at the present time. Tens of thousands want to find the way of salvation. The workers are few, and the time is very short. Therefore, the AMERICAN EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP desires to send Miss Steyrer back to Europe to work again among her own people.

Won't you pray that God may open the way and that American Christians may be made willing to have a share in Miss Steyrer's outgoing and support? Contributions may be sent to the AMERICAN-EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP, care of Moody Memorial Church, 1609 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, of which church Miss Steyrer is a member.

KNOW RUSSIA OF TODAY

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My Visit to Cernauti

By Dr. John H. Wilkinson

Sub-Director, Mildmay Mission to the Jews

For some time the Fellowship has been having happy cooperation with the Mildmay Mission to the Jews. Knowing that Dr. Wilkinson had recently visited the field, we asked him to give us an article telling of his visit to Cernauti, Roumania, where Rev. and Mrs. Richard W. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Schnapp are labouring. Remember prayerfully these workers in the opportunity they have.

FROM mid-September to the end of October last, I visited Berlin, Cernauti, Chisinau, Bucarest, Sofia, and Salonica. At each of these places, except Bucarest, the *Mildmay Mission to the Jews* is carrying on active evangelistic work amongst the Jews, that in Cernauti being shared with the *American-European Fellowship*—a happy bond. It is my visit to this last-named centre that I should like chiefly to refer to here, and I will pass over the other centres rapidly, without dwelling upon my numerous experiences and impressions.

This journey, following upon a similar one in November, 1933, completed, with two exceptions, my picture of the stations abroad of the *Mildmay Mission to the Jews*, stations with which for many years I had been in regular correspondence. In each place I stayed over the Saturday and Sunday, before proceeding. Conditions of Jewish life cannot be satisfactorily studied unless the Sabbath is included —it is a day valuable for witness. The Sunday, as God opens the way, gives fellowship with local churches and bodies of worshippers, who often wish to know more of the work amongst Israel. My presence seemed to greatly hearten our dear fellow-workers, and it certainly was an inspiration to me. The sense of the Lord's presence was very definitely realized, and it was wonderful to feel His enablement and to see the God-appointed doors of opportunity present and open.

In Berlin, visitation of Jewish offices, shops, and homes revealed much tragic suffering.* A very earnest company of Jewish souls gathered under Mr. Morogowsky's roof on the Sunday, and the Holy Spirit carried the gospel Word home. It was good, too, to again address the community worshipping at the Hohenstaufenstrasse.

Leaving out, for the moment, Cernauti, the next point of call, the active work of Chisinau (old Kischineff) came in for examination and participation. The hand of God was seen in crowded meetings, and that at the most solemn time in the Jewish calendar, the Day of Atonement season. The meetings lasted till very late hours, and at this part of the journey I began to feel considerable fatigue. Visitation of home, shop, business place, synagogue, was active, and we were able to have a day's active tract distribution in Tighina on the Dniester, overlooking Soviet territory.

Bucarest is important as the focus of the governmental authorities, from whom permits from time to time are obtained. The Rev. H. L. Ellison, of the *Church Missions to Jews*, who, like his predecessor in Bucarest, the Rev. J. H. Adeney, M.A., is full of kindness, gave me hospitality, and I had the opportunity of fellowship with him and Mr. Korn in the work. A fine meeting of Jews gathered on the Sunday evening and listened attentively to the gospel.

At Sofia I witnessed and entered into a work which, though comparatively recently commenced, was uplifting to behold. Quiet waiting upon God, in association with activity and devotion in securing contact with fresh Jewish souls daily, is being definitely owned of God.

At Salonica the *Mildmay Mission to the Jews* has for many years had a very active medical missionary work, under the charge of Dr. and Mrs. Goldstein. On my arrival, I found the work well-nigh stationary, owing to the exclusion of the Doctor from Greece. He was waiting in Jugoslavia for re-admission. Besides the opportunities for witness in public meeting and individually, there were matters arising out of this crisis that called for attention, and the guidance and blessing of God were felt in dealing with them.

And now back to Cernauti (old Czernowitz) with its population of seventy to eighty thousand Jews, six-tenths of the total population of the city. I reached it at night on the evening of the 24th of September. I was early the next day in conversation with the Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Hill, who last summer moved from Siret to this important city, where their presence indeed means much to the work. Later, I met Mr. Schnapp and was soon at his side in daily street work and visitation. I had happy fellowship, too, with the Rev. W. E. Craighead and addressed the German Baptists at Grigori Ghica Voda 3.

I was so pleased to see the hall which Mr. Hill was able to secure in Strada Mitcherici 7. It seems well-suited for the work at this stage, and is a pleasing picture of cleanliness in contrast to much that is around. It was evidently the Lord's own provision. There I was able to address various meetings, sometimes being translated into Ruthenian. It was a great joy to speak with those who had come to the Lord, some of whom had been baptized. I found that Mr. Schnapp, whose native town is Cernauti, has access in quite a wonderful way to Jews in every class of life. I saw this evidenced on several occasions, and was able to give testimony with him in a number of very differing localities. Very quickly did I find the time passing, but each day amplified my knowledge of the work.

I shall always retain, as one of my happiest memories, the sweet Christian atmosphere and kindness I enjoyed under the roof of Mr. and Mrs. Hill in Strada Mircea Voda laterala 10/11. It was good to hear Mr. Hill preaching the gospel. The presence and judgment of these two friends are invaluable to the growing work at this important centre. Our prayers follow them for physical health and for every need, that they may long be, by God's grace, preserved for His work. I saw Mr. and Mrs. Schnapp and their daughter in their quarters in Strada General Prezan 21. The place was damp, and it was a relief to know that they were shortly to move.

On the evening of Monday, September 30th, I left for Chisinau, and returned again to Cernauti, very tired, on the morning of Wednesday, October 9th, to proceed to Sofia the next day. This last day secured in Cernauti, however, enabled me to address one more meeting, to engage in further street and visitation work, and to see the new home of the Schnapp family at Strada Radu cel Mare l.d., which is healthy, pleasant, and well-placed for the work.

Pursued as it is being pursued, humbly and prayerfully before God, we feel that the work in Cernauti is destined to grow. There are difficulties, internal and external, associated with it. These will be surmounted and the work given healthy impetus only as the oil of prayer is poured upon the fire of witness there maintained, and all necessary practical help given when it can be. My visit coincided with Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) 5696. What will this year bring for their race, and for that part of it in Roumania, before it is concluded? Surely, these are grave times and all should be done to forward the work of God while the opportunity is extended.

*My dear father, Mr. S. H. Wilkinson, Director of the *Mildmay Mission to the Jews*, has since then opened a fund entitled R. G. J. R., or fund for Repressed German Jews' Relief, which, under careful administration, is aimed to assist Jews suffering under the present policy in Germany, irrespective of their religious attitude.

VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST

Your victory does not depend upon your years of experience in the Christian life. Your victory depends entirely upon a recognized and trusted Christ; and so long as you are recognizing and trusting Him, I do not care how weak you are, "He is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." "He is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him."

Now, it is the function of the Holy Spirit to remind us of Christ, and to bring Him continually to our notice.—*Rev. J. Russell Howden.*

Zinzendorf said to a Moravian brother at Herrnhut, "Can you go as a missionary to Greenland?" "Yes." "Can you go tomorrow?" "If the cobbler has finished my shoes, I can go tomorrow." That was a quick, willing-hearted response. Wesley said: "If I had 300 men who feared nothing but God, hated nothing but sin, and were determined to know nothing among men but Jesus Christ and Him crucified, I would set the world on fire." "Send us men," said a heathen convert, "with hot hearts."

—*Selected.*

Suffering Brings Life

By Fred Stettler

BEFORE leaving on an extensive journey, which will last for a number of weeks, I want to thank you for the remittances which have been sent to us. How graciously the Lord has sustained us during the last year, and through all the past ten years of service, in spite of the saddening and increasing confusion everywhere! Indeed, "*all the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth*" (Psa. 25:10). What He has promised, He is ABLE to perform (Romans 4:21).

As to our physical well-being, there is much room for improvement. It has pleased the Lord to test us frequently of late. Mrs. Stettler has been troubled again and again, and I, while I have not had to spend a single day in bed, feel constant pain in the kidneys and liver. We have been doing what we could, but we are far from being well. Poland has cost us a good deal, in the way of health, and yet we praise God that it has been given for Christ and the truth and precious souls. Please remember us in prayer.

As most of the more important holy days are celebrated three days each, Christmas and the New Year brought us quite heavy responsibilities. Everyone of the numerous assemblies around this town, asked that we spend the time with them. We managed to preach at five different stations. In order that we might have something different, I had stencils made and I took it upon myself to have the empty walls of the prayer houses painted with beautiful Scripture texts. The meeting rooms and prayer houses will look altogether different when this work is finished.

I managed to be home for the Christmas program which Mrs. Stettler conducted with the twenty girls who meet every Sunday at our home. For this special occasion, the number was increased to about forty, which made our little home quite crowded. We are very glad that the Lord has set His seal upon the three months of labor and that we have managed to win their confidence. It is so important to have them realize that you are deeply in earnest and that they can confide in you when they are in trouble or difficulty. Only as we have their confidence can we present the gospel of Christ.

This morning we had a nice little bit of encouragement. Just as we were about to read the Scriptures for our morning devotions, a young man came in. He asked us to pray with him and show him the way of life. With two other young men, he had come to the conclusion that the New Year ought to commence with a new life in Christ. He asked also for a booklet for his mother, as she wants to be saved, too. How wonderfully God works, and how glad we are that there are signs of awakening among young men, who are so difficult to win!

While I am writing, our door bell is ringing, as it does so often during the day. A poor young fellow, a Polish Roman Catholic, stands there. Formerly he came to beg; now he comes to ask for something to read. It is our custom to hand the poor a tract or leaflet with every piece of money that we give them. It was not long before this man came to ask for literature. Today he asked for a larger pamphlet or booklet. We loaned him the Polish Bible. May the Lord use it to his soul's salvation! You see there are a number of encouragements crowded into a single forenoon.

We receive many letters of gratitude from friends of our magazine and it is a very great privilege to read them. Yes, men need the gospel and they know it. Everywhere, and often in the most unexpected places, there are souls waiting and fully prepared, hungry and thirsty for the Word of life, and it is a wonderful privilege to seek out and find these. The circulating library is another channel of great blessing. There are always forty or fifty good Christian books out. One person told us that one of these wonderful books is worth five good sermons. The Lord is blessing those who read them. That Christ is being preached, I will rejoice. When we think how barren the lives of these people are, how wonderful are the signs of hopefulness that the Lord grants us!

"There is no truth which has not its corresponding duty, and no duty that has not its corresponding truth. He who lives by the Word of God continually sees new truth, and accepts the duties that arise therefrom."

Russian Magazine Ministry

By Alexander Dobrinin

WE PRAISE the Lord for His blessing upon our magazine work during the past year. *Vernost* (*Faithfulness*) has been very much strengthened spiritually by our new publication of Sunday school lessons in separate booklets. I called these lessons "A Light unto My Path" (in Russian, "Sviet Steze"). We had numerous letters from our readers in many countries, expressing enthusiasm about the spiritual contents of our magazine and the notes on the Sunday school lessons.

We have now entered into the tenth year of the publishing of the Russian magazine, *Vernost*. Although it has been specially difficult to finance it of late years, we are full of courage to continue the work. It would be utterly impossible for any Russian religious magazine now to be paid by subscriptions, as we are dealing mostly with poor people, who are in unspeakable need, both spiritually and materially. Sometimes I am distressed to know how to manage our publication better, but I think, since the Lord enabled us to go through this past year, He will let us continue the work in the future.

In addition to the Russian evangelicals and truth seekers who are eagerly reading our magazine in thirty-five different countries, it gives us special joy to know that our printed evangelical testimony is being read by the Russian Orthodox clergy —in Greece, in Germany, in Roumania, in America, in Finland, and in Esthonia. Of this we have certain knowledge. *Vernost* is read by the people of many nations, where Russian is spoken. We have some particularly warm friends among German Mennonites in Canada. We give herewith some expressions of appreciation from our readers in different countries:

A. Kuprianoff, Poland. "I have been deriving spiritual food from *Vernost* for the past five years. This spiritual magazine is very dear to me."

N. Soltys, Argentine. "Do not forsake me and leave me without beloved *Vernost*. I miss it when it is delayed in the mails. I deeply appreciate the Biblical articles it contains."

J. Fominych, Esthonia. "On the border of Russia I saw Russian young people reading copies of *Vernost*. They like the paper."

Rev. Paul Kolesnikoff, America. "*Vernost* cannot be duplicated, in its Christian spirit, its pure orthodoxy, its straightforwardness, its spiritual philosophy, its daily practice, or its beautiful colloquial Russian language and style. Crystal *Vernost* surpasses any Christian magazine with which I am acquainted."

Rector of Russian Orthodox Monastery of St. Jean Christome, Mount Athos, Greece. "I have received *Vernost* and find in it much that is refreshing and interesting. I have a high estimation of your zeal in the Lord's work. We pray for you."

A. Dobrinin At Work On Vernost

Church of Evangelical Christians, Chaco, SOUTH AMERICA. "Our evangelical Russian conference greets you heartily, with great love. The conference is being greatly edified by *Vernost*."

S. Tumaeff, PERSIA (IRAN). "My eyes are filled with tears of joy because of the Christian fellowships that have been formed through *Vernost*. May the Lord bless this magazine and permit it to continue to serve the scattered Russian people throughout the world."

N. Doubroff, JAPAN. "I like *Vernost*. It is a real comfort in my Christian life."

P. Boytchenko, ARGENTINE. "In *Vernost* there is very important material, which I eagerly read. I meditate more on its contents than on those of any other magazine."

P. Bogdanoff, FINLAND. "I thank you heartily for *Vernost*, which gives me much instruction in my Christian life. My friends read it, too, and commend it. It contains deep truths."

J. Boyko, CANADA. "I appreciate the articles in *Vernost*, which lead people to oneness in Christ without making denominational distinctions."

Rev. P. Rudko, PARAGUAY. "All our Christian conference in Paraguay greets *Vernost*, with deep love."

B. Dryza, LITHUANIA. "I was in the hospital and Dr. K——— saw my copy of *Vernost*. He read it and then remarked: 'That is the best Christian Russian magazine that I know.' "

A. Trebukin, NEW ZEALAND. "I am very much satisfied with *Vernost*."

N. Grushenkoff, AUSTRALIA (Russian missionary to other nationalities). "In my journeys in faraway countries, *Vernost* has always been to me as a fresh source of living water in the desert. It has become very precious to me."

J. Gonchar, ROUMANIA. "I accidentally came across *Vernost*. There is much said in it about spiritual life, and it leads one to know the Word of God better. I like it very much."

Rev. G. Boltneff, POLAND. "*Vernost* is read with grasping interest and is the source of great blessing."

L. Stognienko, ROUMANIA. "*Vernost* is wonderful. Even atheists and Jews speak well of it."

George Gerbenschikoff, AMERICA (well-known writer). "I am glad that the field of *Vernost* is widening. I appreciate it for its purity, the broad-mindedness of its Christian ideals, and for its real culture. We are always ready to recommend your splendid magazine."

P. Kozatchuk, POLAND. "Our society of Christian young people wish to express our hearty thanks for *Vernost*. This magazine revives us spiritually."

V. Koosiv, CANADA (student in Biblical Seminary). "*Vernost* brings to me a deep revelation of God's truth. This magazine helps me to search my heart and to devote my life to God."

M. Lambert, CHINA (C. I. M. missionary). "It is always a pleasure to me to read *Vernost*. It was also a great joy to receive the supplement containing the Sunday school lessons. A Russian family writes me that this is exactly what they have been needing."

Rev. N. Moroz, AMERICA. "Our believers love *Vernost*, for the material is so very spiritual. It is the best among Russian religious magazines."

V. N. Rennenkampf, FRANCE (widow of general). "*Vernost* gladdens me and gives me much happiness in my spiritual life. This wonderful magazine is becoming more excellent each year."

N. Sidoroff, SWITZERLAND. "We believers here are very much satisfied with *Vernost*."

O. Shaudinat, LITHUANIA. "It is a feast to us to receive *Vernost*. We are sorry that it does not come every month. A sister in Christ told us, 'I have put off all other necessities, but I cannot give up *Vernost*.' "

M. Soltys, ARGENTINE. "I read every issue of *Vernost*, to the very last line. It throws light on many questions. The articles in *Vernost* are precious and very edifying."

B. Sirotkin, AMERICA (author). "Our debt of gratitude to you is great, for *Vernost*, with its wonderfully edited articles. The price, too, is very low. I am an adherent of the Orthodox Church of old faith. I wish you further success."

Peter Kuretz, ARGENTINE. "I love precious *Vernost*. It touches the depths of my heart. Many have come to Christ through the copies which I have distributed."

S. Tverdovsky, JUGOSLAVIA. "I appreciate *Vernost* very much."

R. Titoff, FRANCE. "*Vernost* helped me to see and accept the truth. It takes the place of church services which I am unable to attend."

Rev. J. Thiessen, GERMANY. "*Vernost* occupies an honorable place in Russian religious literature."

P. Vidovsky, ARGENTINE. "It gives me much joy to receive *Vernost*, for it contains really spiritual food. It convicts and improves us, comforting and reviving our souls, through its preaching of the love of God."

S. Maloff, CANADA. "With deep interest I read *Vernost* from cover to cover. I handed the numbers of this magazine, for information, to my friend, S. Merkuloff, formerly a head of Priamursky (Far East) Russian National Government. He was charmed by the quality of *Vernost* . Evidently, you, Mr. Editor, and those who assist you are Evangelicals. I am of the Orthodox Church. Nevertheless, my friend, Mr. Merkuloff, and I cannot help seeing in your magazine striking sincerity, impartiality, and a real Christian spirit, as we compare it with other religious papers."

V. Zvonareff, LITHUANIA. "It was God's will to send me your rich *Vernost*. I found in it deep edification and I conquered my atheism. I come from the Orthodox Church of old faith."

Rev. F. Yuzva, AMERICA. "Accidentally I saw *Vernost*. Its content is a rich one."

Rev. J. Zakharoff, CHINA. "*Vernost* is a wonderful magazine. There is much material in it which delights the soul."

JEWISH EVANGELIZATION

BY J. WLADYSIUK

(Poland)

I AM working among Russian Orthodox, Roman Catholics, and Jews. I visit Jewish homes and stores, and in the street and market place I speak to Jews about their Messiah. Some of them openly reject their Redeemer, saying that He will not come because the people are too sinful. Others like to hear and talk about their Messiah, but they are afraid of the rabbi. Still others are very interested in Christianity and come to my home to search the Scriptures. They have the parts of the Scriptures that are being studied in their schools, and they take my Yiddish, Hebrew, and Russian Bibles to compare them with these. They agree that the prophecy about the Messiah was fulfilled in Jesus born in Bethlehem. They read the New Testament and other Christian literature.

Not long ago, a Jewish missionary came to our town and we had a special meeting for Jews. Over 200 Jews came in and stayed for the entire service, which lasted for three hours. When we closed the meeting, they still did not want to leave the hall and asked us to sing more of our gospel hymns. At that time I distributed 200 copies of the Gospel of Luke in the Yiddish language, as well as many tracts. They thanked us for the meeting and for the literature.

There are several Jewish families here who have become interested in their Messiah. They say if there were two or three Jewish Christians in the town, they also would confess their Messiah openly. A Jewish neighbor of ours comes to our home almost every night and asks me to teach him to sing the gospel hymns. He likes very much to sing the hymn, "Do you know the stream that runs from the Cross?" His eight-year-old daughter can repeat from memory the Story of Zaccheus, and many other passages of Scripture. This man frequently comes to our gospel meetings.

There is a great demand for Christian Yiddish literature. Very often these Jewish people come to my home, asking me for Christian literature to read, and I have none to give them. I have heard that in America there are many missionaries working among the Jews and they publish a lot of literature in the Yiddish tongue. I would be very glad and thankful if you could send me some of this Christian Yiddish literature.

Please pray for me and for God's chosen people, Israel, that they might be saved. I thank you for all you have done and all that you are doing for me. My prayer is that God may reward your labor.

GIFTS FROM GOD

What do I want to-day? I have only to ask for it. I may seek earnestly, but not as if I had to use pressure, and extort an unwilling gift from the Lord's hand, for He will give FREELY. Of His own will, He gave us His own Son. Certainly no one would have proposed such a gift to Him.

He freely gave his Only-begotten; and, O my soul, canst thou not trust thy heavenly Father to give thee anything, to give thee everything? Thy poor prayer would have no force with Omnipotence if force were needed; but His love, like a spring, rises of itself, and overflows for the supply of all thy needs.—*C. H. Spurgeon.*

Hungry for the Word of God

By K. Jaroszuk (Poland)

ONE Sunday, not long ago, the weather was very cold and frosty and foggy. Early in the morning, I started on my bicycle for the village of Kmelevo, twenty-five kilometers away, where I had been invited to give them the Word of God. For a long time the authorities would not permit any meetings to be held there. Upon my arrival, I talked to the children first. I asked them if any of them loved Christ, but none of them answered, for no one ever talked to them about Him. After a while, one after another expressed a desire to love and serve Christ. In order to teach them about Jesus Christ, I read them passages from the Bible, such as Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17, and they liked very much to hear of Christ's love for children. They expressed a desire to learn to sing the hymns and I began to teach them some of them. Then the grown folks began to come in, interrupting the work with the children, so I had to close the children's meeting.

Crowds of grown people packed the building and many were obliged to stay outside. In order to let them hear the Word of God, the windows were all opened. In spite of very cold weather, nobody felt uncomfortable, because everybody was deeply interested in the Word of God and forgot fleshly things. We had a choir of young people and an orchestra and the congregation were singing with them, praising the Lord. The people listened most attentively to the Word of God, many of them with tears in their eyes. At the close of the service, we celebrated the Lord's Supper. The observance of this was specially blessed because it was the first time it had been celebrated in this place. One of the men was smoking as he stood outside the window, but a Christian sister rebuked him, saying, "Are you not ashamed to smoke on such an occasion, in the presence of God and Christian people?"

It is clear that the people are hungry for the Word of God. After the meeting was over, many came and thanked me, inviting me to come and preach to them again. They all gratefully accepted the Christian literature which I distributed. When the priest of the Greek church learned about our meetings, he was very angry and threatened to report the matter to the authorities, asking them to forbid us the privilege of holding any more meetings there.

The following week we had a great Christian gathering in the town of Brest, on the river Bug. There were many in the congregation who had *walked ninety kilometers to hear the Word of God.* Many of our missionary brethren were present and preached from the Word of God, Brother Manetz being among them. The Lord richly blessed our meeting. Everybody was filled with joy and thanksgiving.

Mr. Jaroszuk and Group of Children

I was invited to the village Turna, sixteen kilometers away, to conduct a gospel meeting in the home of a Polish family. The meeting lasted from six o'clock in the evening until twelve at night. All were glad to hear the Word of God. Christians here are being persecuted, but they are suffering for the Lord's sake without murmuring.

On the 23rd, I went on my bicycle to the village Chirki. On my way, I stopped in the village Belevo and visited the Christian families there. From there, I went to two neighboring villages, staying over night in the village Yanoshi. Next morning it was snowing so hard that I was obliged to stay there. The Lord blessed us, for we had a large meeting. Everyone was praising the Lord for the snow, which had hindered my departure, and thanking the Lord for His blessed Word. It was impossible to ride my bicycle back home, as the snow was very deep. It was difficult, too, to walk, but the Lord helped me to cover the long distance home, carrying my bicycle on my shoulders. When I arrived at my home, I was so tired that I was unable to walk the next day.

The rest of the month was spent in visiting some families in my home town and receiving callers at my home. Among my visitors was a Jewish film star. During our conversation she told me that she would leave her profession and serve the Lord, but, having no other means of earning a livelihood, she is not able to do it. Not long ago, when I met her for the first time, I presented her with a New Testament. She is now reading His Word and even knows some passages of Scripture. I am very sorry that, besides giving her the message from God's Word, I am not able to help her in other ways, but I myself am in need.

People in many places are inviting me to visit them and preach the Word of God, but my financial conditions oblige me to stay at home and look for some source of income. My heart is filled with pain when I hear so many voices calling me to come and preach the gospel, and I am not able to go. Souls are thirsting for the Word of God—I don't know what to do! May the Lord open the way and supply the need! It is very difficult to find work, especially in the winter time, and room rent is so high. My wife and I have one small room with kitchenette. It is necessary, too, to have some food and clothing. Sometimes my heart is saddened, but I know we must trust Him and He will take care of everything (I Peter 5:7). The Word of God is my greatest consolation. I pray that the Lord will help me to carry on His blessed work, give me necessary strength, and use every breath of my life for His glory.

A REAL PRAYER NEED

By Nikita Mosherenok
(Esthonia)

PEACE be unto you, dear brethren! It is with joy that I again thank you for the help you are sending me. I am preaching God's Word all the time, in different places. I again spent a few weeks with Brother Moriakoff, working in his great field in Esthonia. We had many meetings, in which we gave strong testimony for the Lord, in spite of our weakness, and this brought people to the Lord. I am trusting God in my work and He takes care of it. When I am with Brother Moriakoff, I have to settle many questions and problems that arise, as they do in all churches. We see God's hand managing many difficult things in a very happy way.

A new problem has arisen in Brother Moriakoff's district. There are 52 new converts and many seekers after truth. A house of worship is badly needed. We have no room for our meetings except little peasant houses, and these can no longer serve our purpose. We feel that it is necessary to have a center for our work, instead of meeting in different private homes. So we are praying God to enable us, now or later, to build a special house for worship. Perhaps you, too, will take this upon your hearts for prayer. The Lord bless you and keep you and reward you for your help!

ALL FOR CHRIST

"Every advance in the Christian life is simply letting the Spirit of Christ have yet more of us, as it is made plain to conscience that there are areas of life in which, hitherto, the King's writ has never run, in which His authority has never been recognized, in which His will has never been done, in regard to which we have been only 'partially Christian.'"

"You will be led into the wilderness to be tempted and proved. But fear not! Christ has overcome. From henceforth *none need to be alone with the tempter.*"

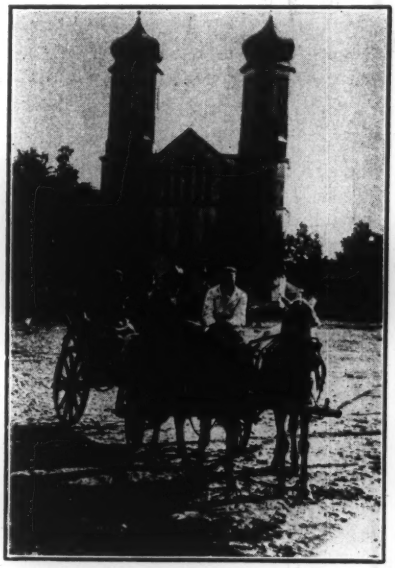
"In Perils"

By John Kovalchuk

LAST summer most of our time was spent in building the Prayer Hall in Bustino, and we did not have much time for special meetings in different parts of our region. Nevertheless, the Lord blessed our efforts, even though they were feeble, by adding twenty souls to our church.

We had two baptismal services in different places. The first was in the town of Ugla, which is about ten miles from Bustino. At first it was very hard to sow the gospel seed here, but in spite of all difficulties we continued to distribute tracts and Gospels and give our testimonies, trusting that this would bring forth fruit in due time. There were a few souls who had been poisoned with Russellite teaching long before we came here. After some time, they acknowledged their fault and gave themselves to God according to the true teaching of our Lord. Then a few other souls became interested and began to come to our services. Gradually our meetings became more and more crowded, though we held them on the hill outside of the town. A man who was singing and helping the priest in the Greek Orthodox Church also became interested in the gospel news and attended our services. He was convinced of the truth and began to witness to all his friends. It made the priest and the people very angry with us.

Once the above-mentioned convert asked us to hold a service in his home, which was in the center of the town. As soon as we got there, big crowds of people began to come. The house was soon overcrowded with people, with many more on the outside. They were talking against us and even threatening to stone us when we came out of the house. We had a good opportunity to testify to many of them, while our brother tried to keep order. At the close of the service, he told us that there were several wicked men in the crowd who were likely to stab us with a knife or do us harm otherwise. He advised us to follow him into the back yard and then to go outside the town, where a horse and wagon were waiting for us. We did as he advised, but we soon saw that the crowd was watching for us on the road leading out of the town. In the midst



Starting on a Missionary Journey

of the crowd we saw several of our believers talking with the others. When we drew closer, we saw that some of the men had rocks in their hands, evidently intending to stone us when we got into the wagon. One of the believers, a large, strong man, called out in a loud voice, saying that he would see who would dare to throw the first stone at us. The people were afraid to do anything after that, and we went on, thanking the Lord for His protection. We reached home in safety.

Another time we were in danger of being stoned when we had a funeral service at this town. On our way to the cemetery, a wild crowd surrounded us, with stones in their hands. They were making a special effort to get me, for they said I was the one who had brought this new faith to their town, making trouble and division among them, and they called me vile names. However, the Lord again wonderfully protected us and blessed our service in the cemetery. There were many people present, both Jews and Gentiles. Even some of our enemies listened most attentively and reverently to the

singing and testimonies. There were two priests present, also, Greek Catholic and Greek Orthodox, as well as some of the intelligentsia of the town.

It was in this town, where there was so much opposition, that we held a baptismal service in the river Terebla. Crowds usually gather at these times and we have splendid opportunities to testify. Our believers gather from all parts of the country in order that they might rejoice together at these great feasts.

A group of us traveled from Bustino by horse and wagon. As we drew near to the town of Ugla, we men got off the wagon, for the road was very bad, and went straight across the mountain to the place where we were to hold the baptismal service. Mrs. Kovalchuk and the other women remained in the wagon with the driver. Upon entering the town, they were stopped by several men with big sticks in their hands. They asked for me, for they had planned to give me a beating. The Lord had wonderfully directed us to go another way, and we reached our place of meeting in safety. Nearly all of our believers were already there, as well as other friends. We began our morning service up on the hillside, near the home of one of our Christian families. I read the 62nd Psalm and we thanked the Lord for His guidance and protection, asking His blessing and direction for the work before us. Then fervent testimonies were given by several persons and gospel songs were sung. It was a very blessed service.

After this meeting, we went to the river for the baptismal service, singing gospel hymns as we walked along. When we arrived, we found a group of trouble makers awaiting us, planning among themselves what they would do to us when we got there. Nearly the whole town had come, for they all wanted to see what was going to happen. Never before had there been a baptismal service here, according to the New Testament teaching, and they wanted to see how it would be conducted. At the same time, being instigated by the priests, they wished to stop the spread of the new faith.

The people were talking much among themselves. They blamed the believers for everything that had happened that was unfavorable. For instance, there was a great drought last summer so that everything in the fields dried up. They said that we were the cause of that. For this reason, most of them thought we should not be allowed to hold the baptismal service in their town. There were others among them, however, who could not see that we were so very wrong, since we were believing and acting according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Book which is kept and read in their own churches and which they know to have great authority. So there was a division among the people. There was much unquietness and disturbance. Several women, wives and mothers of candidates for baptism, did not want their relatives to be baptized. We tried to sing and to talk, but the uproar was too great. The police who had promised to come and keep order, had not arrived.

We waited for some time, until the people were becoming tired. Then we tried to talk to the people again, explaining to them that we were seeking to do what the Holy Book of our Lord said, the same Book which was found on the altar of their church, and if they could prove that we were doing contrary to its teaching, then they might stone us to death. We told them that we were following the example of the Lord Himself, for He was baptized in the river Jordan. The people began to quietly listen. Then we heard different voices in the crowd, crying; "You may baptize! We have nothing against you!" Those who were still opposed to us did not have much influence.

I went into the river. Sixteen candidates, one after another, came to me. Looking upward toward heaven, they boldly and loudly answered my questions thus: "Yes, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and my personal Saviour!" Then they were baptized, while a great multitude of people looked on.

After the baptism, we went back to the place where we had held our opening service. Many of the people followed us. We observed the Lord's Supper, gave our testimonies, prayed, and sang many hymns, with our hearts full of praise to our Lord.

We held another baptismal service this summer in another part of our region, forty miles from Bustino, in the town of Teresova. We have a fine group of believers in this large town, which is situated among great high mountains with a river running below. Our friends wished to have a baptismal service there, in order to baptize their converts and to give their testimony. The people in

that town were altogether different from those in Ugla. Throughout the entire service, they behaved themselves very reverently, listening closely to all that was said. Many of them even expressed their opinion that they, too, ought to follow the teaching of the New Testament, but they were afraid they would not be able to keep the commandments, etc. We had a great opportunity to testify here, too, to many people. They asked us to come and hold services there as often as we can.

We need more laborers in order to keep up the work in the places where it has already been begun, as well as to go to the new places which are constantly opening to us. May the Lord of the harvest raise up more laborers for this large and needy field!

AMONGST THE POMAKS

By Constantine Marvakoff
(Bulgaria)

I HAVE great cause to thank my Lord for all His goodness to me. He has been pleased to use me during the past year to preach the gospel. He has led, strengthened, and kept me, and my heart is filled with gratitude to Him. I also wish to thank all the friends who have encouraged me in my mission work through their love manifested in word and deed.

As you know, I am laboring amongst the Pomaks of Bulgaria. There are families in several villages who have accepted the evangelical faith, and in my own village they have built a little prayer hall, in which we worship every Sunday. The believers from the different places, including children, number about 52 souls. I minister to these by preaching the Word, conducting Sunday school, and visiting in their homes.

The remainder of my time is spent in going amongst the Pomaks, in the various villages, and talking with them of the earthly and heavenly life. They receive me in a very friendly way, but they do not agree with what I am saying. They must be reached in various ways. Our Lord is able, and will draw them to Himself in His own time and way. In the meantime, I want to be faithful and patient in working among them.

I am enclosing a picture of two women from our evangelical congregation. They are dressed in native costume, and the surroundings shown are typical of their land. When the light of the gospel shines

Pomak Women

into these souls, the change can be seen outwardly.

Our small congregation is growing, and that is our comfort and joy. Please continue to pray for me as I work for the Lord here. As long as I live, I want to honor God's name and make Him known. I will close with greetings and the Word of God from I John 3:3: "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure."

A NEW BOOKLET

By A. Przeorski
(Poland)

I RECEIVED your letter with check, for which I send hearty thanks. I have had 5,000 copies of the pamphlet, "Life for Life," printed. Last month I spent ten days in visiting the brethren. We had meetings every day and many conversations, with the Lord's blessing. I promised to visit this place again as soon as possible.

"It is blest to trust Thy Word alone;
I do not ask to see
The unveiling of Thy purpose, or the shining
Of future light on mysteries untwining,
Thy promise-roll is all my own,
Thy Word is enough for me."

The Third Exodus

By Prof. V. Martzinkovski

(An address given to the Jews on the occasion of the Feast of the Passover in Jerusalem.)

Dear Friends: I congratulate you on the great event you are commemorating on this occasion—the deliverance of your forefathers from the bondage of Egypt, after being oppressed for 400 years. In the course of time, there was a second exodus; namely, the deliverance of the Jewish pepole from the Babylonian Captivity, which lasted 70 years. And now you are in the initial stage of the third exodus, from the Diaspora, and the Jewish people are coming back to their land after 2,000 years of wandering in the wilderness of this world.

Mr. and Mrs. Martzinkovski on Mt. Zion

We are all witnesses of this miracle of history—the return of Israel to the Land of Promise, which God promised to His people from ancient times. This exodus is only in its initial stage. When will it be accomplished, and under what conditions will its complete and fundamental realization be made possible? Let us consider the first two deliverances, that we may understand the right way to the realization of the third. Let us consider, first, the causes that led to the first two captivities and see how these were overcome.

The First Exodus

What caused the first captivity? The sons of Jacob, moved by jealousy, sold Joseph their brother into Egypt. As a result of this, they themselves were compelled to go down into Egypt, in the course of time, and their bondage lasted through several generations. Here was fulfilled the moral law of history: "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity."

And who brought them out of Egypt? The Lord that "doeth wonders," by the hand of Moses, His servant. The Israelites were delivered when they themselves submitted to the instructions of Jehovah. By the command of God, each family killed a lamb without blemish and put of the blood on the two sides and the upper posts of the doors of their houses, so that, when the Destroyer passed through to smite the Egyptians, He passed over the houses of Israel. Hence, the word "Pessah" (passing over). This observance was expressive of the belief in the Messiah, the "Lamb without blemish," who was destined, according to Isaiah's prophecy, to bear the sin of the world.

The Second Exodus

The second captivity, the Captivity of Babylon, lasted 70 years, according to the prophecy of Jeremiah. What was the cause of that captivity? The people of Israel had forsaken their God and had broken His covenant and turned after other gods. They bowed to the gods of Babylon, so to Babylon they were exiled. The Israelites had transgressed the commandments of the Lord, especially the law concerning the Sabbatic year, and so God delivered them into the hands of an idolatrous people for 70 years. "By the rivers of Babylon there we sat down, yea, we wept when we remembered Zion."

And when did the second exodus take place? How was the heart of the people prepared for deliverance? There was first an inner and spiritual deliverance, before the national deliverance took place. The Jewish nation was in subjection to the

Babylonians, but, strange to say, there in the land of idolatry they were cured of their spiritual bondage. They were filled with longing for their Holy Land; they wept when they remembered Zion. "How shall we sing the song of the Lord in a strange land?" They were liberated from the spirit of compromise and assimilation with their idol-worshipping neighbors—their soul longed for Zion. "If I forget Thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."

The time came when God brought out His people from this captivity, through His faithful servants. Nehemiah, Zerubbabel, and Ezra established the people in the Land of Promise. Nehemiah built the wall, which both separated and defended the Lord's people from their enemies; Zerubbabel built the temple; and Ezra "prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord and to do it and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments." He revived again love for the Word of God and its prophecies. But the heart of prophecy is the Messiah, so we can say that divine power and faith in the Messiah were the chief factors in the second exodus.

The Third Exodus

The third captivity has now lasted 2,000 years. It started in A. D. 70, when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and burned the temple. What is the spiritual cause of this Diaspora? The Messiah came, as prophesied in the books of Moses and the prophets; He came before the scepter departed from Judah. He appeared in the second temple (Mal. 3:1). All the prophecies descriptive of the place, time, and purpose of the Messiah's coming were fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of David. But, influenced by their blind leaders, the Jewish nation rejected Him. They delivered Him into the hands of the Romans, even as at an earlier period Jacob's sons sold Joseph their brother, and this is why they were delivered into the hands of the Gentiles and became "a proverb and a by-word" among the nations.

And now your people are coming back to their country by hundreds and thousands. Is it not an answer, perhaps, to the ancient question of Isaiah the prophet: "Who are these that fly as the cloud, and as the doves to their windows?" And these smoking steamers in the ports of Jaffa and Haifa, which bring back the captives of Zion and their riches, might it not be that they are the ships of Tarshish—"to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them unto the Name of the Lord thy God and the Holy One of Israel"?

The third exodus is in process of realization—but can we say that this is unto the Name of the Lord, the Holy One of Israel? To come out of Roumania or Poland and to settle in the Emek of Jezreel, to start a dairy farm and to talk Hebrew, does not yet mean a return to Zion. Alas, the Zionism of many ends only in a fervent attendance at the "Zion" cinema at Jerusalem, but to think of Zion and all that it stands for, they have no desire.

Every deliverance has at least two moments—a coming out and a coming in. The exodus from Europe means a getting rid of a false and harmful European civilization, which is almost entirely foreign to the spirit of the prophets. To come out of the captivity of capitalistic Europe means to leave all materialism, selfishness, and atheism. Can we speak of a spiritual exodus, when the new immigrants bring with them faith in the golden calf rather than a living faith in God? Those immigrants from Germany, who found Palestine not a land flowing with milk and honey, but a land full of sand and stones, long for the land that drove them out, and sigh, if not for the flesh-pots of Egypt, at least for the German cigars and beer. The Jewish poet of the twelfth century, Yehudah Halevi, wrote: "My heart is in the East." But the inward confession of many of these immigrants is: "My heart is in Europe, in the Dispersion."

In 1932, on my way to Europe, I talked with a group of young men who were returning from Palestine. One of them spoke with evident bitterness of his disappointments in Palestine, of the materialism of the colonists, etc. "In former years," he said, "we used to say in our prayers, 'On account of our sins we were driven *out* of our land,' but now we could say, 'On account of our sins we were driven *into* the land of our fathers.' "

"Real deliverance," I said, "means not only a coming out, but a coming in, also—a coming in, not only to Palestine, but to the Land of Promise, to a new world, in which there is love and truth, indeed a kingdom of heaven upon earth." And this is why, for this third exodus, even as for the other two, there is the need of a spiritual preparation. There is a need of the faith that God, and God

only, can bring His people back to His land. "For, lo, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the Lord: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it" (Jer. 30:3). "He that scattered Israel will gather him" (Jer. 31:10). No politics, no declaration, no document from the League of Nations can assure this return. Only God can do it, according to His promise in His eternal Word.

On Israel's way back to their land, there is again a great sea and howling wilderness of a false civilization. Who will again divide the sea before them? Who will show them the way in this wilderness? The spiritual descendants of Pharaoh, from many different nations, pursue Israel from behind and before them, in the land of their fathers; there is also protest to their return. There remains only one thing for them to do and that is, to lift up their eyes on high. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Have the Jewish youth, the Halutzim, got this faith? They are, indeed, possessed of the spirit of patriotism, but this sentiment, like every other human sentiment, is soon withered, being separated from the Source.

The former deliverances were accomplished by divine interposition, on the one hand, and by faith in the coming Messiah, on the other. The accomplishment of the third deliverance can only be realized if we have faith in the Messiah, who has already come into the world. Only He, the Messiah, can help us to come out and come in: to come out of the world of sin, to be free from the domination of evil, to receive the forgiveness of sins, to enter into a sphere where truth reigneth, to come to the land of promise, to receive a new heart and a new nature, and to enter into a new covenant with God, as described by Jeremiah.

To become spiritually liberated from the third captivity, we must remove the cause of it, and the cause is the rejection of the Messiah. So, to acknowledge this our sin and receive this Righteous One, is the very essence of the third deliverance and will mark its true beginning.

Thousands of Jews have left Europe and have come to Palestine, but how many of them have come out of the captivity and have entered the "Land of Promise?" How many of these have experienced the promises connected with the New Testament, of which the prophet Jeremiah speaks as follows: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah . . . for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (Jer. 31:31-34)?

Yet, here in the Land of Promise, you still pray on the Day of Atonement, asking for forgiveness of sin and for peace, without finding either. In the land of Israel, you are building a new captivity. You are building, in the Holy Land, Babel's tower of a European civilization. You build banks, factories, cinemas, etc. You sing a strange song in the land of the Lord.

On the ninth of Ab you bemoan the destruction of the temple in the words of Lamentations 2:13, 14: "What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach is great like the sea: who can heal thee? Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment."

On the shore of the Sea of Galilee, in a young people's colony ("Hashomer Hatzair"), I gave a lecture once on the subject: "Zionism and Christianity." After the lecture, a young man, an atheist, said to me: "And so you think that we unbelievers ought not to return to Palestine?" "Indeed, you should," I answered. "If someone sitting in his room, meditating on some subject, should later forget the subject of his meditation, the best way for him to recall his thoughts would be to return to his room, sit in the place in which he had sat before, and then, by the well-known law of association, he would remember."

In Palestine, every hill and valley, every old ruin, reminds you of your glorious past, of the time of the prophets and the Messiah, and this shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children. Truly, the youth of Palestine are beginning to remember the past of their nation; many are beginning to read both the Old and the New Testaments, and the time is fast approaching when they will understand the call of the Lord God: "Return unto Me!"

And the time will come when they will understand the words of Christ: "I am the Way . . . no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." He is the way to the Father, and, therefore, also to the Fatherland, the land of the Father, the spiritual home. For ye are the sons of the prophets and the covenant, and ye are called to be the sons of your Father in heaven. Then will begin the third deliverance. God Himself will return the captivity of Zion.

Then will they say amongst the heathen: "The Lord hath done great things for them," and with amazement they will add: "Israel hath come to life again." Who except God can raise the dead? He promised to resurrect the people of Israel. "Thus saith the Lord God . . . I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel . . . and shall put My Spirit in you, and ye shall live" (Ezek. 37: 12-14).

AN EXPECTATION

By Eugene Nagy

(Hungary)

WITH the advent of this New Year of 1936, and in the light of my further work, I can express my feelings in no better way than in the words of Paul: "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Humbly trusting in the Heavenly Father, and "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith," I expect blessing upon my work even richer than that in the past.

In addition to the help of the Christian friend I spoke of in my former letter, there is also a converted Hebrew brother preaching the gospel of his blessed Messiah who saved him. This makes three of us who are laboring happily in His vineyard.

Opportunities for wider service and preaching are opening, and I am also making plans for the open air work in the spring. For want of a proper meeting place, the work among the children has had to be discontinued temporarily. My request for such a room, submitted to a certain church, was in vain. They gave as the reason for their refusal that if my plea were granted, the Roman Catholics would demand the same privilege. Please pray with me that a purer Christian spirit may prevail, and that the earnest pleading of the children for these meetings may be realized.

REDEEMING THE TIME

By Dumitru Andrusiac

(Roumania)

AS WE are nearing the end of another year in our feeble efforts to bring the "glad news" to our people, I am sending you a short report of my activities in His vineyard. I have traveled a great many kilometers on foot in order to visit the various villages, as well as making a number of visits on my bicycle. Everywhere I find a great hunger for the Word.

We have had considerable liberty this year in preaching the gospel and have not had to suffer the persecutions of previous years, for which we praise Him. A number of small, new assemblies have been formed, and I have had the privilege of laboring among Roumanians and Ruthenians. This summer I was invited to visit a number of assemblies in Bessarabia, both Roumanian and Ruthenian, and at one small conference baptized seventeen precious believers. All over this country the Lord's work is growing, and we praise Him for the opportunity of devoting our whole time to work in His vineyard. There seems to be a great awakening in this land, and we are all trying to be busy "in season, out of season."

Our new Gospel Hall in Siret, which is in process of construction, is also making the people realize that we are here to stay and not, as so many have said, that we would be run out of the country. Pray much, dear friends, for this building, for we need quite a little money to complete it next year. I have helped, also, in erecting the building, and the brethren here, who are very poor, have given their time and labor so that we would be able to save considerable money by not having to hire day laborers. The enemy was not idle, you may rest assured. He used the local authorities to stop the work on the building for three months, until the matter could be adjusted, but now everything is under roof and in the spring we will attempt to finish, at least the large hall.

I thank all the dear friends for their material assistance, as well as for their prayerful interest in our labors in this most needy land, and pray that He may richly bless you out of the abundance of His riches.

Christmas in Bulgaria

By Mrs. Paulina Nikoff

YEAR after year, mankind commemorate the great event of Bethlehem with proper dignity and every charm. Lovely songs of peace and good will have been sung; great speeches on the eternal meaning of the day have been uttered; gifts have been handed from one to another throughout the world in the Name of the new-born Saviour; many bitter tears have been wiped away from the human face and terrible physical suffering has been met. Thus, every year a fresh wave of noble Christian brotherly love overflows the world. Who can fully estimate the value of these highly inspiring thoughts and deeds, accomplished in the Name of the great One born in the stable? It passes comprehension. May we thank God for this rich wealth and pray that the spirit of Christmas may prevail and remain throughout the whole year!

The work during the month of December is much more exciting than through the other months, because of the preparations for the holidays. I should like to call your attention merely to the special work during these days, while you keep in mind that the regular work went on just the same, in a beautiful manner.

First of all, I want to tell you about the work done by the church committee known as "The Good Samaritan." It is the purpose of this committee to look after and care for the poor of our community. I have the honor of being not only the secretary but also the cashier of this committee, so that I had to superintend and carry out almost all the work that was done at this time. It was announced from the pulpit that a certain week was appointed for the work of the "Good Samaritan" and every member of the church was kindly asked to aid the community and give whatever he could. Two members of the church drove around in a little carriage, visiting all our homes in the city and collecting secondhand clothing and all kinds of foodstuffs, as well as sums of money. A week before Christmas, I distributed the things to the poor, and on the day before Christmas we gave everyone some money to buy fresh food for the holidays. With hearts that were most thankful to God as well as our brethren, the poor accepted these tokens of Christian love and went away happy to enjoy the glorious day. I had a deep feeling in my heart that, as a church, we had chosen the best way of preparing for Christmas, by giving our first thought and ambition to clothing and feeding those who were in great need. The Lord said: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was a hungered, and ye gave me meat . . . naked, and ye clothed me" (Matt. 25: 34-36).

One feels happy to speak to people who are eager and hungry for spiritual food. Such an audience I have in Lozenets, one of the sections of our city. Almost all of those whom I visit are Greek Orthodox people, who had never before opened a Bible to read or had prayed except to repeat the Lord's Prayer. Now they are different people. They love to read the Bible and pray and to hear about Jesus Christ. The new life is expressed in their faces. A poor widow has opened her home and we have our meetings in her only room. She is so poor that many times the room is not warm, but she is always ready to have us and shows a most willing, devoted heart. She did not have a Bible, so I bought one for her, but I am sorry to say that she does not know how to read. In her zeal, she carries her Bible from home to home, asking other people to read to her from it, and thus she does her own Christian personal work. Her son and daughter-in-law and two children live with her. This young woman's love for Jesus is touching. She learns all the hymns by heart, and then helps her mother-in-law to learn them, also. The two children are always present at the meetings and listen very attentively.

There is another woman, who has come from Macedonia. She accepted Christ with all her heart and, after grasping the gospel truth, in great enthusiasm she went home and burned her iconostasis and all the icons, which she had previously worshipped and kissed many times during the day. The Bible is now her best friend, and she reads it more and more. She comes regularly to our Protestant church and is most happy in her fellowship with Christ. Her spiritual progress is a real joy to my soul.

There is still another woman, who is the mother of two boys and is very poor. She is a devoted Greek Orthodox believer, but God is working in her heart and I am sure that she will soon come into the real truth of the gospel, for the Spirit of God is working mightily in her soul.

Our Bulgarian Christmas, as you know, we celebrate on the 7th and 8th of January. On the 5th of January, Sunday afternoon, we had our Christmas service in my own home. All the women with whom I work were invited to be present. The day happened to be a very bad one. It was raining hard and there was such mud that I thought nobody would come. But, thank God, in spite of the terrible weather, people began to come from all parts of the city and its surroundings, all wet but happy that they had reached us safely. After the changing of many wet clothes, the service began. I had trimmed a tiny Christmas tree in a corner of the room, and around it had placed little presents and bags containing sweets. We began the service by singing several Christmas hymns, followed by prayer and Bible reading and a gospel message. With a song and prayer, we closed the first part of the service. We then served light refreshments and gave every woman material for making an apron. Oh, they were so surprised! One woman told me: "I had just prayed to God yesterday that He would send me money to buy one, for I needed it so badly—and here I have it!" The bags of sweets which we gave them were for their children, who were impatiently awaiting their home-coming. They left the house happy and most thankful for all the good things which they had heard and received that afternoon.

Next day was Christmas Eve. Our Protestant church was filled with people, especially Jews. Our Sunday school gave its Christmas entertainment. The children sang, recited beautiful poems, and gave two pageants, "The Promised Messiah." The service was very impressive, with good evangelical influence.

Dear friends, men and women are hungering for the Word. Will you not join me in asking the Lord for His upholding and directing in every detail of my work and life, for His glory. Please remember me and my work at the Throne of Grace.

"We are not merely to be 'enlightened,' but to be as light enlightening others."

FRUITFUL MINISTRY

By D. Prystupa

(Poland)

I GREET all the workers of the American-European Fellowship. May the Lord supply all the needs of the work in His vineyard, in this new year.

I am glad to say that the Lord has blessed my work during this past year. Thirty-one souls have been brought to the Lord and have united with the church. Praise His name! Please do not forget to pray for me. I am always praying for you. I trust I shall have better health and strength than I had last year.

I want to tell you of a special need in my congregation. Michael Tzap is not only a member of our church, but he is also a very good preacher and my best friend and helper on my missionary journeys. He is almost blind, not seeing at all with his left eye and very little with the right one. The poor man has a wife and six children. Now he is required to move to a new place, which has been given to him by the Polish government for farming purposes, according to the new re-distribution of land among the peasants. All the brethren of our church are willing to help him as much as they can, but our economic situation is critical and what little is given will be far from sufficient to meet the need. Therefore, I am asking you, my dear brethren and sisters, to help this poor brother all you can. Please forgive me for writing to you about these things, but, seeing the critical position of this brother, I felt that I must do so. About $30.00 is all that will be required. I leave the matter with you and the Lord.

I do not ask you to pity the heathen, for pity is often a weak thing which spends itself in tears, and then forgets the object of it. But I do ask you with all my heart to treat Jesus Christ right. I submit to you the question: Is it right to receive the eternal life from those scarred hands, and then give Him only the spare change we happen to have left after we have supplied ourselves with luxuries?

—*Selected.*

Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness.—*Phillips Brooks.*

Scripture Distribution in Albania

By Edwin E. Jacques

THANKSGIVING and Christmas have passed; for six weeks we have been back home. Only he who has been similarly exiled from all dear ones can appreciate the deep joy of these reunions. God is, indeed, good to allow this respite. Even Eddie seems to realize that he has been deprived of his rightful heritage and that at last he is where he really "fits in." Already we have had the opportunity of meeting several of you. You enjoyed that Albanian candy, didn't you? We are hoping that it may be possible to meet you all before our return. Although taking graduate study at Boston University, it will be possible to present our Albanian work to groups anywhere in New England; engagements elsewhere can be arranged. Besides describing the conditions and the work on our field, we have costumes, objects from daily life, recordings of native music, and pictures.

Now, however, we would like to tell of the outcome of the special Scripture distribution—the first of its kind in Albania. This was made possible by the Scripture Gift Mission of London. It was proposed in our letter of last August for your prayer-help. Many were praying, and the Lord accompanied us throughout the entire work. Mr. Cheno (our Albanian missionary) left Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy to care for the Kortcha work, and together we set out August 21st. Into a city we would go and secure a room, where we left our cases of literature. Then, carrying brief cases loaded with topically arranged booklets of Scripture verses, we went systematically through the bazaar (business section). Into every little shop and office and coffee-house we entered. To every adult who could read Albanian—merchant, customer, or pedestrian—was offered courteously a free booklet proclaiming "The Way of Salvation." Also announced was the gift of a Gospel, and the sale of the New Testament at our public stand. This we set up as soon as the bazaar distribution was completed.

By this time, most of the town would be aware of our work, and a crowd would be gathered about us practically all the time. All day long our distribution would be punctuated by questions, discussions, or an occasional growl of opposition. Opportunities were legion for informal testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ and to the authority of His Word. During those eight full weeks, we entered every town of more than 1,000 residents. House to house work was utterly out of the question, due to the close seclusion of the Moslem women in the home. At the capital, however, Mrs. Jacques accompanied us and extended the testimony into a number of homes unreachable to us men. Altogether we gave out over 20,000 Scripture booklets and 1,400 Gospels, besides selling 145 Old Testament portions and 30 New Testaments. Enough gospel there to lift a whole people to God!

Naturally, some were antagonistic. A Commissioner of Police ignored our government permit and shouted over the telephone: "Get out of this city on the next autobus; if we find you with another booklet in hand, we'll throw you into jail." But we stayed on three other days, and gave out several hundred more booklets.

In another market, we were giving to passing hodjas and dervishes, Scripture leaflets in Arabic, their sacred language. A few antagonistic shopkeepers nearby would call out a warning to return them. Wonderingly, some would obey, while others walked away reading. A money changer, esteemed because he had made the Mecca pilgrimage, was particularly hostile. From his table he observed our actions, with angry remarks to a friend. Finally, he approached us and growled out something about "Lady Mary" and "Jesuits" and "compelling people to take that propaganda." Certain that he misunderstood us, we tried to make clear our mission. He roared in anger; a crowd gathered. Words being futile, we turned again to our stand. There, starting across the street at us with up-raised cane, came his enraged companion. Fortunately, someone grasped him. They returned grumbling to their booth. It was then that a black-fezzed shopkeeper remarked: "You did well not to get angry, but speak softly; he shouldn't have talked that way." We rejoiced that people do see the difference! Later, he invited us into his little shop,

where he was sitting cross-legged on the floor making fezzes, and even openly showed hospitality by ordering a tiny cup of black Turkish coffee. Much popular bigotry was there met and overcome; they will now read the Word we left. May God take away the veil from their eyes!

Those two months were a complex of curses and blessings. A few have torn up the booklets in our very faces and tossed the pieces to the ground. A few others have clasped us by the hand and said earnestly, "May the Lord accept the service you do Him." Some seed has fallen into good ground—of that we are sure. Such is that young soldier stationed at the Customs House. The worker found him bent over a table reading—a "God Hath Spoken!" A soldier friend in a nearby town had passed it on to him. After riding by truck all morning up through the mountains to our next field, we stopped for lunch. Out of the only house that appeared on the whole mountainside, a young man emerged and thanked us for the booklet we had given him in the market the day before. Passing through a town covered the previous week, we stopped to eat. We found the clerk sitting on a box, reading the very booklet we had left him. The owner of a coffee-house, when approached, drew from his pocket a very dilapidated copy of our booklet and asked if we had distributed that, also. His friend had received it in a city three hours away by automobile. On bringing it home, a group of ten young men had studied it, chapter by chapter, for several nights.

The grace of God is being made known in Albania. Thousands of men are reading, many for the first time, the gospel of salvation. Continue with us asking that God water the seed sown, that it may bring forth fruit unto eternal life. "Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God."

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

WE HAVE information from Russia that the people there are depressed. Indignation on the part of the people because of the severity of the authorities is beyond measure, but the people are slaves of fear all the time and their real attitude toward communism remains deeply hidden. If a citizen of the Soviet Union is asked about his living conditions there, he just sighs. If there could be openings to the neighboring countries through the borders, millions of people would leave Russia at once.

In Red Russia there has arisen a great deal of speculation. Tourists are offered, on the streets, profitable exchange on their money. You can get 35 rubles per dollar now in Russia, while the new official ratio is only 5 rubles for a dollar. The windows of the grocery stores are packed now with goods of every kind, but there are very few who can buy them. The patrons of these stores are only commissars of communists and their nearest friends. They have money. There now appears a definite class of bourgeois among the "Reds." A man from the rank and file walks around these stores with angry envy, being unable to buy anything. For instance, you must pay 1500 rubles for a suit, but the salary of the average workman is about 300 rubles a month. Highly qualified workers are receiving 1000 rubles a month. Only communists can make a lot of money in their jobs.

People cannot choose their jobs—they are assigned to a definite place. If someone goes to another place, just one word is written on his passport—"Lazy." Such a man will not be given another job for six months.

Banditry in Red Russia is developed to such an extent that it exceeds any country in the world. In the Soviet cities, it is the usual thing for the banks to be robbed. Of course, these things are not made known in the press.

There is an awful sentence which is much used—"Citizen, follow me!" It means that a man is arrested and he must go to the G. P. U. (Bolshevist Secret Police) where he will be imprisoned without trial for an indefinite time. For any gathering of a little group without permission, people are sentenced to three years in prison. There is a formal official right that the defendant may have a defender. If the defender is honest and zealous in his duty to help his client, then they severely sentence the defendant and the defender, also. If there is not sufficient reason for banishing people to the northern districts, the Bolsheviks say that they need workers there.

However, the fate of the communist authorities is also very grievous. They are slain by the population without mercy, though you can find no intimation of this in the newspapers. The tormented people are most cruel to their oppressors, the "Reds." For instance, a commissar is caught in the dark lane in

the night, and killed, and on his back there is cut out a star, the Bolshevistic emblem. You cannot read about this in the press. There is a constant warfare between the "Red" authorities and the population.

There are schools specially for communistic education. In these the students are given opportunity to ask any questions they desire. In the inquiries which come in, communism is ridiculed and cursed in a most sarcastic way. The notes are anonymous. In some cases, the authors of these notes are discovered and mercilessly punished.

The communists are so frightened that under their usual dress they wear coats of mail, so that they will not be shot. The communistic chiefs do not have any confidence in the meals that are served to them—they are afraid they will be poisoned. So they order the cooks and servants to taste the meal first. When the high "Red" authorities are going to the resorts, the latter are surrounded by special police guards for a radius of many miles. They are afraid an attempt will be made on their lives. There is no real communism in Soviet Russia. There are rich and poor, powerful and slaves, oppressors and oppressed, the most perverted "Red" bourgeois and desperate "Soviet" proletariat. The communists, having abandoned the aims to realize the communistic doctrine, are just making every effort to keep their *personal* power over Russia.

The women play a very interesting role in the religious life of Russia. Very few priests of the Greek Orthodox Church are left, so the women have voluntarily and bravely taken upon themselves some of the religious duties. In some cases, they substitute entirely for the priests. They are walking from town to town and from village to village. They pray with the distressed people and sometimes even perform the church rituals. This shows that religious life exists, although not always in the right way, and is developing a very peculiar form. The spiritual zeal of the evangelicals is more fervent than that of any of the other religions, the open activity of which has been broken up. They cannot do much work officially, but their work is continuing all the time and the extent of it cannot now be defined.

THE POWER OF GOD

The gospel of Christ is "the power of God unto salvation;" or, as it is expressed in the kindred passage, "Christ crucified is the power of God!" He is the Power of God to atone for sin. He is the Power of God to satisfy justice, and meet the requirements of the law. He is the Power of God to rob death of its sting, and the grave of its victory.—*Dr. J. R. Macduff.*

PRAY—ALWAYS PRAY

Let us never be ashamed to pray. Let us not depend upon some other to pray for us. Remember that, no matter how confused may be the expression of our thoughts, no matter how ill-chosen may be our words, God will understand. Even though we do not know how to ask aright, let us never fear that we shall not receive aright—yes, "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."—*Dr. Donald Davidson.*

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